Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the pending claims of the instant application in view of the following remarks. Currently, claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 3-8 and 11-13 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 14-19 have been added.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings, as filed, and states that the numerals in the drawings are not clearly shown. A new set of drawings with clear numeral references accompanies this Amendment.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing new matter. The Examiner alleges that the recitation of a "fluid" treatment system in the claims is not supported by the disclosure. Further, the Examiner indicates that claims 1 and 2 would be in condition for allowance if limited to a water treatment system. As such, claims 1 and 2 have been amended to comply with the Examiner's suggestion. Claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled.

New claims 14-19 have been added and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-2 and 14-19 are now in condition for allowance. A favorable response to this Amendment in the form of a Notice of Allowance is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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